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(57) Abstract The present invention demonstrates the ability of IAP member proteins and caspases which associate with them to modulate granulosa cell apoptosis, an event which leads to follicular atresia. This discovery allows the development and the identification of novel methods and compounds for controlling follicular atresia. Such methods and compounds are useful in the treatment of female infertility, and in the treatment and prevention of ovarian cancer.			